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Nervous because they haven't seen each other for about a week
BOW BOW
Hi.
!
NOD!
!
WELL, I BETTER GO TO MY MEETING.
...
...
...
Decided to wait for him

READ THIS VERTICALLY!
It's hot!
Woo-hoo!
!
Are you waiting for Tadano, Komi?
YOU WAITED FOR ME?
Thank you!
!
こくこく!!
NOD NOD
DO YOU HAVE STUDY HALL NOW?
NOD
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
YOU GO, GIRL!
!!
UM, FIRST I WANT TO GO... ...SOMEWHERE ELSE.
?
ガラ
RATL
Thank you!

?
?
!
GLANCE
キョロ
GLANCE
キョロ
Alone under the stairs
FIDGET
もじ…
…
FIDGET
もじ…
FLIP
ぱっ!!
FLIP
ぱっ!!
??
キョロキョロ!!
GLANCE GLANCE

hmph
...
!
...?
...!
!!
hmph
!!
なでぽ...
pat
DOES SHE WANT ME TO PAT HER HEAD?

SHE'S TOO CUTE!!
FOOOOOO
!!
UM...
ACTUALLY, WILL YOU...
...HUG ME?
...TH-THAT'S NOT...
?!
Her cuteness has scrambled his emotions.
HWUH ...?
That's what you wanted?

...
HUHAP
ぼっっ
RIGHT... S-SORRY! I MISUNDER-STOOD!
ANY-WAY, UM...
...COME ON!
ギュ
HUG
...
...!

!!
GRND GRND
KRNCH
HUGGGGGGGG
UM...IS S-SOMETHING WRONG?!
CRAK
HUGGGGG
!
...
SHE'S REALLY STRONG!
NO... NOT AT ALL!
OH... S-SORRY
Sorry...
*Sixth time today
SHE'S TOO CUTE !!
WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN A WHILE...
...AND I...
...MISSED IT.

HUGGGG
ぎゅっ
SMUSH
SMUSH
SMUSH
むぎゅむぎゅ…
メシ
?!
...
AT STUDY CAMP...
...I TRIED...
...
REALLY
...
...HARD.
!
HOW ABOUT ASKING ME FOR ADVICE?
AFTER ALL, WE'RE NOT FRIENDS.
PANG
ﾌﾗ…
SO...
UM...

BECAUSE YOU...
...BELONG...
...TO ME
!!
Sudden-onset hesitation
B-BUT I DON'T...UM... MEAN LIKE... I OWN YOU.
...DO...
Y-YOU...
...R-RIGHT?
...UM...
!
HEH...
YES, I BELONG TO YOU.
SMILE

!!!
BADUMP
BADUMP
UM...
...AND I BELONG...
...TO YOU.
!!!
BADUMP
The sound of their hearts
...
...

UM, IS THIS MY CHANCE?
I SHOULD LEAN IN FOR A KISS!
RIGHT NOW!
MAYBE ?
He's hesitant too.
HMMMM
...!
TP
SWOOP
?!

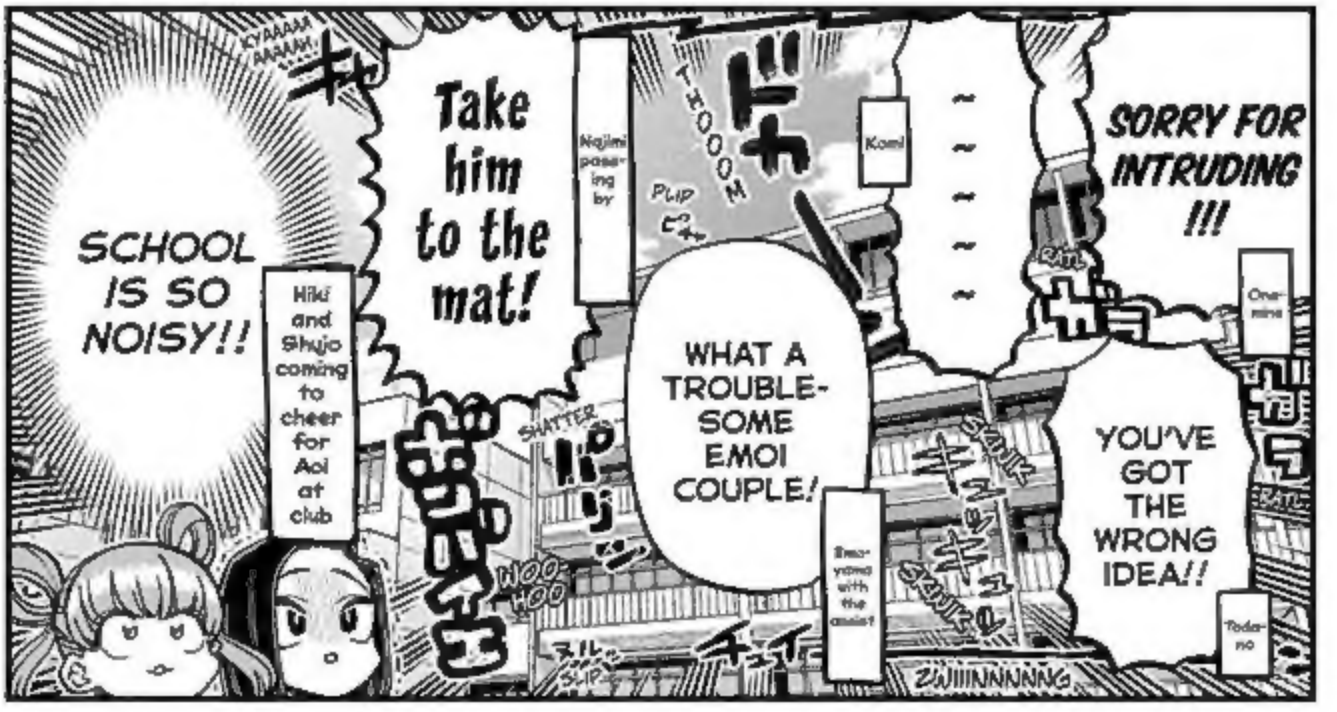
He let it all out.
?!
NOW THAT IT COMES TO A KISS, I'M WORRIED THAT I WON'T DO IT RIGHT OR YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO OR THAT I MIGHT NOT HAVE BRUSHED MY TEETH WELL ENOUGH SO I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MINTS OR SOMETHING!
...
FSHHH

?!
She let it all out.
I D-DO WANT TO AND I BRUSH EVERY DAY, BUT I'M NOT VERY CONFIDENT ABOUT IT EITHER AND I'M NERVOUS AND MY MOUTH'S DRY SO I WISH I HAD BROUGHT WATER AND I WANT A MINT OR SOMETHING TOO, SO SORRY FOR NOT PREPARING BETTER!
...
TEE HEE...

YES.
SHALL WE GO TO STUDY HALL?
Ah ha ha!
?!
ドン
WHAM
カチャ
KACHAK
Sensed emoi-waves and hid in a storage room
カッ
KA
チャ・・・ン
CHAK
Yuragi Emoyama
?!
?!
GAAAH!

...!
...!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? DID YOU GET—
KAEDE? WHERE ARE—

NO! YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND !!
!!!
WHSH
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT AT SCHOOL !!
I'M SO SORRY !!
WAAAAH わぁぁぁぁぁ
WAAAAH わぁぁぁぁぁ
PECK
ドン
WHAM



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